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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) An interleukin-6 suppressive agent comprising lactoperoxidase as an active ingredient.

- 2. (Original) The interleukin-6 suppressive agent according to claim 1, wherein the interleukin-6 suppressive agent is a pharmaceutical preparation for preventing and/or treating a disease caused by production of interleukin-6.
- 3. (Original) The interleukin-6 suppressive agent according to claim 2, wherein the disease caused by the production of interleukin-6 is thrombocytosis, myeloma, Castleman syndrome, cardiac myxoma, glomerulonephritis, rheumatoid arthritis, sepsis, or influenza-virus infectious disease.
- 4. (Currently amended) A food and drink composition or a feed composition, which is prepared by adding the interleukin-6 suppressive agent according to any one of claims 1 to 3claim 1.
- 5. (Currently amended) A <u>use-method of using of-lactoperoxidase</u> for manufacture of a pharmaceutical preparation for preventing and/or treating a disease caused by production of interleukin-6.
- 6. (Currently amended) The-use of lactoperoxidasemethod according to claim 5, wherein the disease caused by the production of interleukin-6 is thrombocytosis, myeloma, Castleman syndrome, cardiac myxoma, glomerulonephritis, rheumatoid arthritis, sepsis, or influenza-virus infectious disease.
- 7. (Original) A method of preventing or treating a disease, comprising administering an interleukin-6 suppressive agent comprising lactoperoxidase as an effective ingredient to an object person who requires prevention or therapy of a disease caused by production of interleukin-6.
- 8. (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein the disease caused by the production of interleukin-6 is thrombocytosis, myeloma, Castleman syndrome, cardiac myxoma, glomerulonephritis, rheumatoid arthritis, sepsis, or influenza-virus infectious disease.